

- iii. if the vote authorization data is valid, then to validate the blinded unvalidated vote certificate to obtain a blinded validated vote certificate; and
- iv. send a voter registration response message to a vote that includes the blinded validated vote certificate atomically bound to the voter registration request message,
- said memory coupled to said processor.

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Remarks

Reconsideration of rejected claims 1-27 is respectfully requested.

In the Office action dated May 21, 2202 (application Paper No. 2), the Examiner objected to claim 13 with respect to a minor typographical error and rejected all pending claims under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting, with respect to US Patent 6,108,644 (the parent application of this pending application).

In response, applicants have amended claim 13 to correct the typographical error (replacing the phrase "receive an voter" with ---receive a voter---), as noted above. Further, applicants are submitting with this response a terminal disclaimer with respect to US Patent 5,108,644 to overcome the obvious-type double patenting rejection. With these submissions, applicants believe that the case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the objection and rejections and find the case ready to issue. If for some reason or other the Examiner does not agree that the case is ready to issue and that an interview or telephone conversation would further the prosecution, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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